

LOCAL NEWS.

Stockholders of E. S. Agricultural Association meet February 17th.

The Cape Charles division of the Produce Exchange will meet at Cape Charles, Saturday, February 14th, at 2 p. m.

Hon. T. T. Wescott, sick for the last three weeks at his home, near Keller, was well enough to be out again this week.

The county jail of Accomac, for the first time in many months, is now without a prisoner. The last one was discharged on Wednesday.

William Rowell, colored, aged about 75 years, was burned to death in a tenement house, near Parkville, destroyed by fire on last Saturday.

S. Hessler, merchant tailor, Onancock, will have a representative at Parkley, Saturday, February 14th, to solicit and receive orders for clothes.

J. W. Dickinson, proprietor of Hotel Bloxom, will sell valuable personal property at public auction next Wednesday, February 18th. See advertisement.

The physicians attending Capt. Wm. C. Bunting, stabbed a few days ago, and at the time, fatally, it was thought, now report that he will survive the wound received by him.

An oyster supper for the benefit of the church will be served at Grant Memorial Church next Thursday, 5 o'clock, or first fair night thereafter if weather is inclement at time named.

Mr. John Clark, in custody of late, charged with stabbing Capt. Wm. C. Bunting, was bailed on Wednesday for his appearance at the next grand jury term of the county court of Accomac.

H. E. McCleary will be at T. H. Melson's stables, Accomac C. H., February 18th, 19th, 20th and 21st, with twenty-four (24) blocky horses and mules, and they will be sold as represented.

Reports of the condition of the Parkley National Bank and of the Banking Company of L. L. Dickinson, Jr., at the close of business February 6th, 1903, appear in another column of this issue.

Mr. Wm. L. Nock, of Temperanceville, and Mr. L. James Hyslop, of Keller, are in attendance as delegates to the "Conference of Churches and Clergymen" in session in the city of Richmond this week.

A feed store has been opened in the old Parker house at Accomac C. H., by Mr. John W. Hickman. A car of hay was received this week. He keeps a large supply of all kinds of mill feed on hand for sale.

An advertisement of Rogers & Boggs, Melfa station, in another column, merits the attention of many of our readers. Farmers' supplies, building materials, wire fence, etc., are being daily received by the firm.

Attention is invited to advertisement of Covington & Bro., undertakers, New Church. As will be noted they are well fitted up for the business and will meet boat or train at any point in the county when requested.

The county court of Northampton has been engaged since Tuesday in the trial of Larry Hamblin, charged with the murder of Robert Bundick, colored, but no verdict had been reached at the time of going to press on Friday.

Mrs. Josephine Tidball, daughter of the late Dr. Peter F. Browne, died in Philadelphia, Thursday morning. Her remains will arrive here Sunday morning for interment at Mt. Cuthbert, after funeral services at St. James Episcopal Church, Sunday afternoon 2:30 o'clock.

An entertainment will be given at Bloxom Episcopal Church, February 14th, beginning at 7:30 p. m., consisting of dramas, music, etc. Master Vernon Gresham, the boy orator, will deliver an address. Ice cream and cake will be served. Admission, adults 15 cents, children 10 cents.

Mrs. Dimarish Gray, an estimable and respected lady, widow of Henry Gray, died Monday at Accomac C. H., aged 85 years. Funeral services were held over her remains at Drummondtown Baptist Church on Tuesday, conducted by Rev. H. S. Kidd. Interment in family burying ground, near Wilesville.

Stewart K. Powell, special commissioner, in a certain chancery case between John Wesley Hurst and wife, et al., plaintiffs, and Mary Hurst et al., defendants, will sell by public auction at Onancock, Saturday, February 28th, 3 p. m., by virtue of a decree in said cause, five valuable tracts or parcels of land, situated near Chesconessix and Onancock, free and discharged of any claim of dower. For full particulars see posters.

The following from Hon. S. Wilkins Matthews speaks for itself: The Jordan Oyster Bill (to break the Baylor Survey) will be taken up and considered in Committee of Chesapeake and its Tributaries, Tuesday, 10 a. m., February 17. All parties, who desire to appear before the Committee, will be heard and as it will be impossible to hear all that morning, those who come from Accomac county, can leave Tuesday morning 9 a. m. train and reach here 12 m.

NEIGHBORHOOD NOTES.

Chincoteague.

Mr. E. F. Laws and Capt. Henry Boston are on the sick list.

The Atlantic Hotel has been "full to overflowing" with guests this week.

Capt. William T. Reed and Miss Annie Dickinson were married on the 12th inst.

The L. L. Dickinson Banking Co. will open shortly, it is stated, a bank at Williamsburg, Va.

Our ponies continue to attract buyers. Several were sold to parties on the mainland this week.

Mr. Edward C. Davis and Miss Katie Steelman were married on the 8th inst., Rev. S. U. Grimsley officiating.

Mr. William L. Watson and Miss Minnie L. Lunn were married at the bride's home on the 4th inst. by Rev. S. U. Grimsley.

Miss Rose Clayville, of Snow Hill, is here this week and will return in the spring to assist Mrs. R. E. Keyes in the military business.

Five millinery stores, if rumor is correct, will be open to the patronage of the public here this spring and up-to-date headgear, cheap, is expected.

Mr. C. E. Babbitt Jr., it is reported, will put up a merry-go-round and other things for the amusement of the public on his wharf this spring, at a cost of several thousand dollars.

Mr. William T. Conant and Miss Grace Taylor were quietly married at the home of Mr. Wm. N. Conant Monday night in the presence of their relatives and a few friends. Rev. T. C. Davis officiating.

Mr. George Payne is in Baltimore; Mr. Henry Disbrow, of Philadelphia is visiting friends here; Harry Jester left last week to enter school at Dover, Del.; Misses Nellie Field and Rattie Smith are visiting friends in Berlin, Md.

Schooner Dauntless arrived this week with a cargo of building material; Schooner Albertine, D. T. Wheaton, captain, left Wednesday for Norfolk where she will be thoroughly overhauled and repaired; a large number of sea-going vessels laid up here this winter are being put in shape for work and will leave in a few days.

Arrivals at Atlantic Hotel this week: M. J. Byrd, J. Brause, J. O. Haskins, O. E. Walter, S. Metter, C. L. Roe, Baltimore; Wm. T. Sipp, Philadelphia; F. W. Davis, G. C. Prettyman, Milford; R. F. Powell, Col. Wm. P. Selby, Stockton; C. J. Wicks, Pocomoke City; L. T. D. Quinby, J. W. Kelly, S. F. Parks, R. J. Corbin, E. C. Hall, C. C. Hall, W. L. Nock, J. W. Edmonds, Accomac.

Exmore.

Mr. Charlie Brookes, of Marlton, Md., relieved Mr. O. L. Byrd, night operator here, a few days last week.

Miss Lola Ward, of Baltimore, who has been spending a short while with Miss Blanche Walker, Belle Haven, has returned home.

If reports be true, we will have two weddings in our midst this month. The parties are both residents of this vicinity.

Great preparations are being made for the Martha Washington ball to be held at Belle Haven, Friday evening, the 20th inst. The arrangements are in the hands of Dr. Howard L. Mason, which insures it to be a grand success.

H. McBride, a brakeman on the N. Y. P. & N. R. R., was severely injured at this place Monday. He was caught in between the platform and car. He was taken in charge by the Company's physician and taken to the hospital.

A surprise party was held at the home of Mr. Robert James, near Jamesville, Wednesday night, the 11th inst. A goodly number were present and the evening most enjoyably spent. Those in attendance from here were:—Dr. Howard L. Mason and Prof. John Seelz, who enlivened the occasion with music.

Rev. Robt. McInturf and bride are home. Mr. McInturf filled his pulpit at Belle Haven as usual Sunday morning to a large and appreciative congregation. The reverend gentleman seemed to be perfectly happy, and received the numerous congratulations showered upon him with a graceful smile of acknowledgement. Your correspondent extends congratulations.

Flappsville.

Miss Maude Rayfield, of Parkley, has been visiting friends in this neighborhood for a few days.

Mr. Jno. W. Taylor is in attendance upon the Annual Convention of Farmers in Washington, D. C., this week.

Mrs. Bodker, of Wilmington, Del., of late has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. William Abbott, living near here.

The Mutual Horse Insurance Co. had their hands full last Saturday, reinsuring horses and taking in new members.

The mild weather is causing our farmers to talk of putting in their early crops such as oats, Irish potatoes, cabbage, etc.

Mr. John Green, formerly of our town, but now engaged in the mill business in Northampton county, had the misfortune to injure one of his hands seriously with a saw a few days ago.

Our spring goods are coming in daily, and prices are low.

B. S. Ashby & Co.

We have in 6x8 glass, domestic and oil for same, double drag, plows, horse and hand fertilizer sowers. Prices right.

T. S. Hopkins & Co.

New Church.

Mr. William T. Gladding is in the hospital for treatment.

Miss Lizzie Watson, partially paralyzed last week is improving.

Mr. G. F. Elliott, our mill man, is in Florida on a prospecting tour.

Quarterly conference of M. P. Church at Watteville, Saturday, February 28.

Mr. John W. Brimer and family left for Wilmington last week, their future home.

Mr. Ambrose E. Miles, critically ill of late with pneumonia at his home, near this place, is better at this time.

Rev. Walter Rhodes, confined to his home for several days with la grippe, is somewhat improved at this time.

Mr. Samuel Yingling, of Cumberland, Md., is visiting his father, Rev. J. M. Yingling, pastor of our M. P. Church.

Mr. James T. Davis, a respected citizen of near Horntown, died January 16th, aged 57 years. His wife survives him.

Mr. John F. Nelson is still confined to his home by an illness of several weeks, but is improving and without some mishap will soon be himself again.

Mr. William R. Covington, confined to his home by sickness since the beginning of the year, was out this week, very much improved in health.

Rev. J. M. Yingling was absent from our town several days last week, assisting Rev. J. W. Sheridan in a revival, and reports an excellent meeting.

Mrs. T. M. Poulson, badly shaken up and bruised by falling down stairs last week, is now confined to her home but will be out again in a few days.

Two pieces of real estate in our town changed hands this week. Mr. John W. Brimer sold his house and lot to Mr. B. L. Payne and Mr. Alex. Grandy bought one of Mr. S. B. Slocomb.

Mr. John McCleary, of York county, Pa., was here last week, for the purpose of building a cannery factory at this place. He expects to have it in operation in time for the tomato crop of this year and will pay \$7.00 per ton for same.

Mr. William D. Cropper and wife, residents for several months of Pocomoke City, have moved back to this place. Mr. H. C. Marshall and family, after spending a month on their sea-side farm, also are with us again. They could not resist longer the attractions of their old home.

Persons fond of the fox-chase can indulge in that sport if they will come to this section, and sometimes get more out of it than is down on the program. On last Monday while a party with 13 dogs were in pursuit of Reynard, the horse of Mr. John Brimer became badly frightened and ran away, badly damaging his cart.

Mr. Charles B. Brimer, of Horntown, died in hospital in Baltimore last week, aged 49 years. His remains arrived home on Thursday, and after funeral services conducted by Rev. W. J. Twilley, were interred in family burying ground near that town. His wife, Mrs. Jennie Brimer, survives him. The deceased was a consistent member of the Baptist Church and a worthy and highly respected citizen.

Pungoteague.

Mrs. E. M. Ames, of Baltimore, is visiting relatives and friends of this locality.

Rev. Dr. Whitehead preached an eloquent sermon at this place on Sunday night, at the Methodist Church.

Miss Emma L. Read was a visitor to our town last Saturday and Sunday, much to the delight of her many friends.

According to rumor a chance in the near future will be given the young people of our neighborhood to trip the "light fantastic."

Miss Lizzie Wescott, daughter of Mr. J. C. Wescott, who has been sick for many weeks, we are glad to relate, is convalescing.

Our road manager whom we began to think had forgotten us, last week put in his appearance and made quite a change in the looks of our town.

The scarcity of labor in this section is causing our farmers serious consideration. The truth of the matter is that something has got to be done to procure a supply of farm labor. The supply has gradually fallen off for many years and the constantly increased acreage for all kinds of truck have produced conditions that must be met and our people as well as seek some means of relief now as later. In fact it should have been done long ago.

On Monday last the body of Capt. Isaac Myster was brought from Baltimore, to Harborton, to be buried in St. George Cemetery at Pungoteague. The Captain is well-known to all of our older citizens, having been a resident of this section all of his life, until a few years ago when he moved to Baltimore. He leaves a wife and children, also brothers and sisters in Accomac. The writer was acquainted with the deceased since his earliest recollection and knew him to be a high minded, honorable gentleman.

For poultry wire, lincseed oil and domestic, cheap, come to B. S. Ashby & Co.

We have a large supply of potato bed lumber and potato bed frames on hand. Also have just received a cargo of corn and car of nice seed cats.

Parkley Coal and Supply Co.

Onancock.

Mr. C. B. Nottingham, who has been quite sick, has resumed his duties at the bank.

Messrs. E. E. Miles and R. C. Evans are in Baltimore this week buying goods, preparatory to entering the wholesale grocery and feed business at Onancock February 16th.

The farmers in this section are buying their fertilizers and getting ready for their spring work.

Mrs. E. Thomas West, a highly esteemed lady, died at her home on last Friday night of heart failure. She leaves a husband, Mr. E. T. West, four daughters—Mrs. Harman Kilmon, of Melfa, and Misses Emma, Gertrude and Marie West to mourn their loss.

The funeral services took place at the Naomi Mekemie Presbyterian Church, Sunday afternoon, Rev. Peter Hendertie conducting them. The interment was in Onancock Cemetery.

Messrs. McNeal, Chase & Co., tomato packers of Norfolk, who ran a cannery factory at Onancock last year are again in this section making contracts for another year. The farmers are disposed to hold back from signing contracts, preferring to get more than \$7.00 per ton. When the price of tomatoes went up last year many tomato growers of other sections broke their contracts and shipped their produce to the cities. Every contractor here stuck by his contract and not a tomato left this wharf for the city. Our farmers deserve a higher price this year.

Parkley.

Mr. Harry Bennet spent a few days here last week.

Mrs. A. J. McCready, reported ill in your last issue, is improving.

Mrs. Nona Dix Barnes, of Mason, Ga., is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. E. T. Parks.

The members of the local lodge, K. of H., held a banquet in Kents Hall, Thursday night. The lady members of their families were present.

It is reported, the Messrs. Phillips, Hebron, Md., have purchased a site here for the erection of a Box factory and canning establishment at an early date.

Mr. A. P. Platt, Jr., of Hazleton, Pa., died here Thursday evening, February 12th, of pneumonia, aged 24 years. He was engaged in buying and shipping mine props to the coal fields of Pa. and had lived here about one year. He was a man of excellent character and had made many friends during his stay among us, who sincerely regret his death. His parents had been called here several days ago and were with him during his sickness and when he died. The community extends to them its sympathy in their bereavement.

Oyster Meeting.

There was an enthusiastic oyster meeting at Chincoteague Island on Monday night. A letter was read from Representative Matthews, in which he stated, that he was making the fight of his life and that almost single-handed. The League pledged itself to support him as far as it had power. Mr. O. M. Jones stated, that he had been to Richmond and it was the intention of those favoring the Jordan measure to take the rocks from us. A petition, which read, as follows, is being circulated by the different orders in the county for signature:

"We, the undersigned members, do most earnestly pray your Honorable Body, the Legislature and Senate of Virginia, to vigorously oppose the Jordan bill, to break the Baylor Survey, now pending in the House of Delegates, as its terms are inimical to the interests of all those engaged in taking oysters, clams and crabs from natural grounds. If this bill becomes a law it will take from us our living, and we will not be able to feed and clothe our wives and little ones. It is surely un-American to take from us, without our consent, what God has given us; for no other purpose than to make the poor poorer, and the rich richer. We appeal to your sense of justice, as true Virginians, do not let this bill become a law."

It is said that hundreds in the various orders will sign this petition. Messrs. W. P. Reed, D. R. Watson and Isaac Reynolds will leave for Richmond on Monday next to plead our cause.

T. C. Davis, Secretary of League.

Live Stock Insurance Association.

All members of the Mutual Live Stock Insurance Association, of Mappsville, Va., are requested to be present at the next meeting, March 7, 1903. Business of importance at this meeting demands the attendance of every member.

F. G. Tall, President.

To The Public.

Don't buy your horses until you see me, I can save you money. I have just arrived from the horse raising country with 15 of the best horses I ever owned. Come and see me. Reference, former patrons.

Bad Mason, for S. M. M.

We have for sale 100 barrels of corn, 300 boxes 6x8 glass, 7 per cent guano at last years' price, \$22.00 cash and \$23.00 on time, Bay Island guano, the best goods on the market for sweet potatoes, corn and grass, at last season's prices. We make no advance on last year's prices. Also have dry ground fish, kait and salt, all at the lowest market price. See us before you buy.

D. H. Johnson & Son, Parkley, Va.

Masquerade Party at Atlantic.

The much talked of masquerade party came off Friday evening, February 6th. Miles' Hall was filled to its utmost capacity by a jolly crowd of young folks of the neighborhood, together with quite a number of old folks whose curiosity tempted them to be present and all seemed to enjoy the pretty, comical and antique costumes, and the antics of those disguised. The comical costumes predominated throughout. There were about fifty disguised to represent different characters—no two being alike. Dancing was indulged in by the younger fry. Those not so light of foot indulged in various games.

The following is a partial list of the characters and costumes: Harry P. Miles, his lordship, the Duke of Devonshire, costume, tall silk hat, prince Albert coat, white trousers, white vest, large tie, large bouquet, cane and travelling case; E. W. Lewers, a Dutch seaman with accoutrements of same; Miss Adie M. Taylor, an old maid of ante-bellum days with appropriate costume; Miss Bessie M. Conquest, in sable robes bespangled with stars and crown surmounted with a half moon, representing night; Miss Lena H. Taylor, with crown and our national flag representing Columbia; next the queen of the fairies, Miss Lily B. Miles, with appropriate costume; Ralph Ross in the comical disguise of a policeman; Miss E. Beatrice Thornton in a very pretty costume representing "Red Riding Hood"; Miss Kate Waterfield, "Punches" troublesome wife, Judy; Miss A. Rida Thornton, piqueaninie costume; Miss Sallie O. Waterfield, Irish woman; Misses Jennie E. Thornton and Etta Fisher in the uncanny costume of our departed ancestors' ghosts; Miss Winnie E. Parsons, trained nurse; Miss Lena F. Nock, queen of May; George Corbin, the "Abbot of Inebriety," a very good costume of a monk of the medieval period; Dale Corbin, a colored servant; Loomis W. Thornton, ye old time minister of the Gospel; Uphur L. Bunting, a very good specimen of Africa's realm; Miss Mamie S. Bunting, in the costume of a de-rep-it, old, forlorn grandmother; Asher H. Revell, a fair specimen of shylock's descendants; John Darby, in a very good nautical costume, representing a tar; Misses Hatie Collins and Pearl Thomas, Indian maidens; Joseph A. Conquest in a sergeant's costume; Harry A. Nock in the costume of a cowboy of the wild west, with pistols, knife, belt, leggings, sombrero and lasso; Harry Thomas, William H. Watson, Kenney D. Taylor, Guy I. Lewers, Woodland Conquest, disguised as the gentle sex; Otto Powers, one of Turkey's fierce inhabitants; Letcher Bunting, Tom Thumb as the dancing master; Carl Ross and John F. Bull, eld clod hoppers; Mrs. D. C. Waterfield as grandmother; Mrs. Edith Davis, trained nurse.

At times during the evening one was reminded of the miscellaneous collection of characters and the babel of tongues such as Ben Hur encountered on his entrance into Jerusalem. It was quite amusing to see, my lord, the Duke of Devonshire, take a negro nurse for his partner and go through a cake walk with a cowboy and eld clod hoppers. Some of the Dutch seaman's square dances were quite interesting, also his waltzes. Quite a large number of those present in regular costume joined hands with the masqueraders and thereby caused the affair to be a success. The evening went all too quickly and the final of the same.

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Birthday Party.

On February 6th inst., Mrs. Corbin Stant and Mrs. Thomas Stant, of Marsh Market, gave an elegant reception to a few of their young relatives. The house was artistically decorated with ferns and evergreens. The girls were all beautifully attired in white costumes with clusters of evergreens to correspond with the occasion. In the midst of their merriment the announcement was made by the hostess for the guests to assemble in couples and keep time to a lively march rendered by skillful musicians, until they should reach the dining-room, where upon a daintily dressed table lay a sumptuous repast, which only the young can fully appreciate. The guests responded promptly to the first strains of sweet music and proceeded on their march as follows:—Miss Maud Gresham and Robert Simmons, Miss Emma Godwin and Ceylon Corkran, Miss Carrie Smith and John Holly, Miss Sadie Johnson and Donald Stant, Miss Julia Middleton and Charlie Hall, Miss Daisy Stant and John Smith and in the rear came Master Vernon Gresham, the youngest of the happy throng, gallantly escorting Miss Bessie Stant and Miss Henrietta Smith.

After having appeased their appetites with the many delicacies they returned to the parlor, where they indulged in different games and music until the lateness of the hour compelled the revelers to reluctantly bid their hostess good night, with best wishes for many returns of a bright and happy birthday to them.

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Stockholders Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Eastern Shore Agricultural Association will be held at their Fair Grounds, February 17th, 1903, at 2 o'clock sharp.

T. T. Wescott, President.

We can now furnish the farmers with high grade fertilizers for Irish and sweet potatoes, onion sets and seed peas.

T. S. Hopkins & Co., Tasley, Va.

A complete line of stylish Spring hats, and an up-to-date line of neck wear just received.

Very respectfully, Ames, Shield & Co.

Interdenominational Sunday School Convention.

Editor of Enterprise:—We concur in the effort which Bros. W. L. Nock and Lem Y. Thornton are making in the interest of the Sunday Schools of Accomac County. If the nursery be neglected, the orchard will be defective, and the fruit will be imperfect and scarce. Christians are "the salt of the earth." If this world is ever to be saved, it must be done by saving the children. You know salt will preserve good meat, but it will not save tainted or rotten meat. Therefore, let all the churches do their utmost to save the children.

We will be glad to have you meet in the Methodist Protestant Church at New Church, Va., on Thursday, February 26, 1903, at 1 o'clock, or the next day in case of rain. We hereby invite you to New Church, Va. Bro. Nock make the announcement, and all, who are interested in the important and glorious work of the children's salvation, come and welcome.

Wm. R. Covington, Supt.

J. M. Yingling, Pastor.

Chincoteague High School.

The following pupils passed on every study during the intermediate examinations, which ended on January 30th.

Grade 1—Maurice Bunting, Cinderella Lewis, Marie Munger and Milton Warren.

Grade 2—Helen Davis, Rowena Conner, Blanche Merritt and Mollie Merritt.

Grade 3—Allan Tolbert, Lula Watson, Annie Wheaton, Maude Wheaton and James Williams.

Grade 4—Bertie Aydelotte, Horace Clark, Nellie Harris, Calvin Jeffries, Eomahel Jones, Indiana Jones, Walter Kelly, Bertie Merritt, Hattie Mumford, Rowena Powell, Wealthia Savage, Henry Sneed, Pansy Steffens, Beatrice Thornton, Etta Thornton, Lee Thornton, Ella Watson, Eba Wheaton and Hilory Williams.

Grade 5—Sealmore Bloxom, Lula Bunting, Willie Bunting, Mary Jones, Ray Jester, Edna Lewis, Laura Mumford and Ollie Reed.

Grade 6—Carrie Baker, Nola Burton, Christie Clarke, Josie Clark, Elton Cluff, Annie Lewis, Katie Mesick, Carrie Mumford, Braddie Savage, Clarence Watson and Howard Watson.

Grade 7—Mollie Cherrix, Eliza Hall, Imogene Hill, Pansy Russell, Willie Sneed and Elsie Watson.

Grade 8—Harry Bowden, Asa Conant, Marvin Davis, Edward Doughty, Bertie Hill, Charlie Hill, Cora Jeffries, Wallace Jester, Clarence Reed, Mollie Steffens, Alry Taylor, Lillian Topping, Harvey Topping, Alice Tunnel, Etta Twiford, John Wheaton and Ernest Wimbrough.

Grade 9—Edith Conant, Hallie Jester and Mary Sneed.

Grade 10—Alice Burton, Eva Burton, Meta Davis, Vesta Gordy, Josephine Keas and Esther Rowley.

Many others in the school have made very good average.

Harry L. Ames, Principal.

To The Public.

The following letter explains itself: Messrs. Wm. Deiches & Co., Baltimore, Md.

Dear Sirs:—As I understand that in some manner reports of a derogatory nature to your firm have been circulated through the section formerly traveled by my late husband, James H. Feddeman, I desire to say publicly in justice to yourselves and for the benefit of my friends and the friends of my late husband, that these reports are absolutely without foundation.

During the eighteen years in which my husband was connected with your firm he was always treated with the utmost courtesy and consideration, of which fact I am well aware, being personally acquainted with all the members of your firm. Since my husband's death I have received the best of treatment and consideration at your hands, and I take this opportunity of thanking you for all you have done for both of us.